

August 24, 1999

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

City Clerk Herbers announced in Chambers at 5:30 p.m. a quorum was not present.

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 1999, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Horwich, Lee, Messerlian,  
and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Councilmembers Cribbs, O'Donnell, and Walker.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows,  
City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

Agenda Item No. 16 was considered out of order at this time.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:04 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a) and 54956.9(b), the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:50 p.m., the Council returned to open session. City Attorney Fellows announced that in the matter of Headlands Reserve LLC vs. City of Dana Point, an Appellant Case, 4<sup>th</sup> Civil No. G024366 listed on the Executive Session agenda pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.9[c], the City Council directed him by a 4-0 vote during the executive session to prepare and file a Friend of the Court brief, joining in on behalf of the City of Dana Point. He further stated that the Headlands Reserve case is a very important issue in California law that deals with whether cities can concurrently process specific plans along with amendments to their existing general plan. The decision of the trial court of the Headlands case was that under the California Government Code, cities could not do so and would therefore have to process them in a serial fashion. This could lead to greater delays in time and expenses in processing plans for cities, and therefore Council has authorized the City to file a Friend of the Court brief on behalf of the City of Dana Point.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Dr. John Schmitt, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services, High School, Torrance Unified School District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Father Michael Courey, St. Katherine's Eastern Greek Orthodox Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

Mayor Hardison requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Judy Edmondson, who worked in the Fiscal Unit of PIC in Carson.

**3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Torrance Cultural Services Division Presents  
Austin Lands In The Land Of Oz  
An Original Musical Written and Directed By Jenny Briggs  
August 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 1999  
(Call For Times)  
James Armstrong Theater  
Box Office (310) 781-7171

Torrance Cultural Arts Center Presents  
Wild Wednesdays  
Free Noon Concert  
Featuring Buzzworld (Celtic)  
September 1, 1999  
11:45 A.M. - 1:15 P.M.  
Torino Plaza

City Clerk Herbers announced that candidates must adhere to certain legal restrictions when raising funds for an elected office. Individuals interested in learning about these fundraising requirements were invited to attend an FPPC Candidate/Treasurer workshop in Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd., on Wednesday, August 25, 1999, 7:00-9:00 p.m. If unable to attend this meeting, the City Clerk will provide information on the requirements for election to City Council in Spring 2000 as well as the necessary FPPC forms.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION RE 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring commendation to the sponsor organizations supporting the 14<sup>th</sup> annual ***Oktoberfest Fundraiser*** at Alpine Village on Saturday, September 11, 1999. Accepted by Terri Rotter of Alpine Village and Lufthansa; Help the Homeless Help Themselves; Westside Concrete; Somerville Plywood and Tim Meyers Scholarship; Daily Breeze; Sertomas of Torrance; International Order of Caribou; Newmans Vacation/Air New Zealand; Knights of Columbus; Delta Fare Share and St. Lawrence Martyr Golf Club.

6b. **PROCLAMATION RE TRY TRANSIT WEEK**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of September 12 through 18, 1999 as ***TRY TRANSIT WEEK*** in the City of Torrance to Tom Whittle, City of Torrance Transit Director.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 20, 1999 AND JULY 27, 1999**

7b. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JULY 1999**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that the City Council accept and file the attached monthly investment report.

7c. **RECOMMENDATION RE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY GRANT AWARDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Librarian that City Council accept and appropriate Library Services and Technology Grant Awards in the amount of \$20,000.00 to purchase youth services materials for the North Torrance, Southeast, and Katy Geissert Civic Center Libraries.

7d. **RECOMMENDATION RE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA)**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director that City Council execute an agreement for employment and training services with El Camino College for \$395,000.

7e. **PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

Considered separately, see below.

7f. **RECOMMENDATION RE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA)**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a professional services agreement for fiscal year 1999-2000 with the City of Los Angeles to receive funds in the amount of \$231,400 for the provision of consultants for automation services; and
- 2) Authorize the funding and execution of new contracts for the period 7/1/99 through 6/30/2000 with:
  - a) LA Worklink Consultant Andrew Wong in the amount of \$99,040; and
  - b) LA Worklink Consultant Dommie Curtiss Johnson in the amount of \$132,360.

7g. **RECOMMENDATION RE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council appropriate \$34,722.03 to relocate a Southern California Edison Company (Edison) power pole at the northwest corner of Prairie Avenue and 190<sup>th</sup> Street.

7h. **REPLACEMENT OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$277,690.75 to ALLSTAR Fire Equipment Inc. of Baldwin Park, CA, for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus and replacement parts, and;
- 2) Appropriate \$201,690.75 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items a, b, c, d, f, g, and h as written with the minutes of July 27, 1999 (Item 7a) held to the next meeting as Councilmember Horwich abstained from the vote. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by a unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Cribbs, O'Donnell, and Walker.

Consent Calendar Item 7 e was considered separately at this time.

7e. **PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Policy Board that City Council appoint and officially swear in John Schmitt to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved for a unanimous ballot on the appointment of Dr. John Schmitt of the Torrance Unified School District to serve on the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC).

City Clerk Herbers administered the oath of office to Dr. Schmitt.

9. **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9a. **RESOLUTION RE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN AGENCY CMP**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing as required by the Congestion Management Program of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- 2) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program (CMP) requirements; and
- 3) Direct staff to submit the CMP Local Implementation Report (LIR) as required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-97**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,  
CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING  
THE CMP LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT, IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT  
CODE SECTION 65089**

In response to Councilmember Messerlian's request, Planning Director Gibson will submit the CMP Local Implementation Report for Council perusal.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry as to whether the debit and credit notations are made at the end of the year or as they occur, Planning Director Gibson related that this is noted at the end of the year.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Cribbs, O'Donnell, and Walker.

**MOTION:** City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title for Resolution 99-97 and Councilmember O'Donnell moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Cribbs, O'Donnell, and Walker.

9b. **AMENDING SUBSECTION 61.10.3 TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE**

**Recommendation:**

Recommendation of the Police and Planning Departments that City Council concur with staff recommendation to amend Section 61.10.3 of the Torrance Municipal Code to add "Subsection p," which adds Rolling Hills Road to the list of locations within the City with a maximum speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour, and amend Section 61.10.1 of the Torrance Municipal Code to add "Subsections c, d, e, f, g & h," which adds Paseo de la Playa, 186<sup>th</sup> Street, 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Cherry Avenue, 166<sup>th</sup> Street and Calle Miramar, respectively to the list of locations within

the City with a maximum speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour.  
**(ORDINANCE)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3473**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.1 AND  
61.10.3 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE  
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO POSTED SPEED  
LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved for the approval of Ordinance 3473. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Cribbs, O'Donnell, and Walker.

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**11a. APPROVAL RE COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT  
CONTRACT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the renewal of a contract for the employee rideshare program coordination with Brohman & Brohman in the amount of \$65,520.00 from September 8, 1999 through September 7, 2000, with AB2766 funds. There has been no increase in the cost of the contract for several years.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to approve the renewal of a contract for the employee rideshare program coordination with Brohman & Brohman in the amount of \$65,520.00 from September 8, 1999 through September 7, 2000, with AB2766 funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Cribbs, O'Donnell, and Walker.

**15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

15a. Councilmember Horwich thanked the Planning Department for a job well done on the Prairie and Anza Avenue Project, and requested a survey of nearby communities regarding the Taxicab Ordinance stipulation regarding a minimum number of cabs in order to obtain a license.

15b. Councilmember Lee also voiced concern with the Ordinance stipulating a 50-cab minimum as the small operator cannot compete.

15c. Councilmember Messerlian read a letter of commendation for City staff from Mr. Chuck Boughton, 4039 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Place, in reference to the Prairie Avenue Repaving and Landscaping Project.

15d. Mayor Hardison stated that the City of Torrance has been in contact with the FAA and the Acting Manager of Los Angeles World Airport concerning night noise at LAX as expressed in an article in the Daily Breeze, and noted that the City of Torrance has voiced its objections and will be following the actions.

15e. Mr. Chuck Boughton, 4039 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Place, submitted a written statement to Council reiterating his strong objections to the LAX and Long Beach flights over the City of Torrance.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:01 p.m., City Council and Redevelopment Agency adjourned to Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. for an Executive Session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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**Adjourned in Memory of  
Judy Edmondson**

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

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City Clerk of the City of Torrance